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THE JAMES BOND WORLD TOUR



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Synopsis

James Bond films have an appeal that has survived three decades, changes in leading men for the role of 007, and the slew of new action films. One of the most seductive elements of these spy adventure stories is Bond's lifestyle. Boyish and debonair, Agent 007 always maintains his charm, wit and good taste. His clothes are Savile Row, he only drinks Bollinger and the driest martinis (yes, stirred, not shaken), and he is always surrounded by beautiful "Bond" girls. But perhaps his most appealing feature is his mobility : Bond is the ultimate jet-setter. The things he does best -- just about everything --he can do anywhere in the world. From Rio to Beirut, from Tokyo to Miami.

Bond's travels in his role as secret agent take him, at the drop of a hat, to the most exotic, glamorous, and famous places on the planet. Today, his travels seem incredibly cosmopolitan and international and one can only imagine how the less traveled audiences received the early films during the Cold War.

To relive the experiences of 007, we unfortunately cannot recreate the Aston Martins, the spaceships, the beautiful Brazilian double agents. However, luckily many of the beaches, palaces, carnivals, casinos etc. where Bond's adventures took place are real. Let's take the James Bond World Tour and explore the world as he did. From a Sumo Wrestling match in Tokyo, The Ritz in Paris, The Loire Valley, the bar upstairs at Le Quadri in Venice to the Kremlin and Beirut. The James Bond World Tour will take you step by step to the most exciting and beautiful places on the globe. You'll experience the beauty, the glamour, the luxury, and the exoticism of 007's lifestyle -- without the danger!

Our itineraries will be based on six classic Bond films: **Dr. No, From Russia With Love, Thunderball, You Only Live Twice, The Man With The Golden**

Gun and Octopussy.

Dr. No (1962)

Soundtrack for opening could be John Barry's famous James Bond theme music. For Dr. No segment the music should be calypso. Original calypso song from the film is "Underneath the Mango Tree" by Monty Norman.

This, remember, is the first Bond film. James is played, of course, by Sean Connery, the first Bond Girl is Ursula Andress, and the villain Dr. No is Joseph Wiseman.

Let's start where 007 starts : in London. After taking in the spectacular view of the Thames and Big Ben at sunset we take on London at night. First things first – dinner at Scott's at 20 Mount Street, Mayfair. What would 007 order here? Roast grouse, or perhaps Dressed Crab --the important thing is that either one be accompanied by several bottles of pink champagne. After dinner, a brandy at Bond's intimate gentleman's club is a perfect way to unwind before moving on to Le Cercle des Ambassadeurs for a few rounds of Baccarat. But just as we're relaxing, there's a telephone call from "M" dispatching us immediately to...Jamaica!

We arrive at the Kingston Airport in bright sunshine. After checking into a hotel with beautiful views of the mountains, we go to a typical romantic bar at night which has calypso music playing gently in the background.

Everyone at the bar, including the local beauties are drinking exotic rum drinks. The following day takes us through Kingston's colorful markets, and on to see the local fishermen on the docks pulling in their daily catches and having their refreshments at their quaint dockside shacks. From there, a boat is hired to explore the bay, the jungle like marshes, and incredible deserted beaches. Now we're off to the beautiful islands – some privately owned. Will we find Crab Key, Dr. No's fictitious island? In the evening, the best place to see the sunset and relax is from a tropically decorated bungalow up in the hills in Ocho Rios where it might be time for another rum drink!

Jamaica:	Dock on Bay
	Crab Key
	Mountains near Kingston
	Small bays & marshes near supposed island of Dr. No
	Ocho Rios
	Trinidad
	Kingston Airport
Atmosphere:	Fishermen, Calypso bands

From Russia With Love(1963)

Soundtrack for this segment could be Matt Munro's title song.

This is another Sean Connery film with Daniela Bianchi as the gorgeous Russian double agent. The villains are Robert Shaw and Lotte Lenya.

We'll start with a whirlwind tour of Istanbul. Istanbul is a bustling city – especially around the bazaar. Locals are selling all kinds of exquisitely crafted merchandise – especially carpets. All the carpet dealers are sitting in front of their shops sipping hot mint tea and inviting us in. Istanbul has an impressive array of historical sights. Where should we start? The San Sofia Mosque at dawn, Constantin's Catacombs, or the Bosphorous with its magnificent residential palaces?

Next, we're off to Venice, but in the grand 007 style, we're not going to fly there, we're going to take a leisurely trip on the Orient Express! After settling in to our luxurious sleeper car, let's watch the landscape from the elegant dining car with its picture windows. Maybe it's time for that martini.

In Venice, we'll check in to the Gritti Palace. After a mini-cruise in a private *vaporetto* through the Grand Canal and under The Bridge of Sighs, we'll take a walk through the Piazza San Marco and wonder where all those pigeons come from! We'll also visit Doges Palace. By now, 007 would be ready to indulge his palate. Let's wander over to the bar upstairs at the Quadri, and for dinner--where else? Harry's Bar.

Now going back to England may not sound thrilling after Venice and Istanbul, but remember, it's our home base! And just look at the verdant countryside in full bloom and the sparkling Thames. Let's go punting!

Venice:	Grand Canal
	Bridge of Sighs
	Doge's Palace
	Piazza San Marco
England:	Misc. Countryside
	Punting on the Thames
Istanbul:	Bazaar
	San Sofia Mosque
	Constantin's Catacombs
	Famous Bosphorous House
Other:	Orient Express

Thunderball (1965)

Sean Connery is back with two new Bond girls : Claudine Auger and Luciana Paluzzi. The evil Largo is played by Adolfo Celi.

Soundtrack should be Tom Jones singing title song (written by John Barry and Don Black)

Where would our sophisticated 007 be more at home away from home than in Paris? And where would he stay but at the palatial Ritz Hotel? Unless he wants to lay low, in which case the Terminus Nord will do just fine. Look, there's the Eiffel Tower! No dieting allowed in this town. Dinner could be at the Cafe de la Paix, Le Dome, La Rotonde, Le Grand Vefour, or Le Cochon d'or. Drinks? The Parisian Harry's Bar or maybe Fouquet's.

Let's go out to the French countryside now and visit some chateaux in the Loire valley. And if we travel to the mouth of the Rhone, there's a fantastic hotel called Beaumaniere (one of James' favorites). But don't get too relaxed because.....we're off again! We've suddenly been sent to the Bahamas!

We arrive in Nassau in the middle of a Junkanoo Festival -- something like the local version of Mardi Gras. An African inspired celebration that takes place on December 26th and again on January 1st, Junkanoo is a festival worth experiencing. The streets are filled with song and dance and the locals are dressed in typical costumes and wearing masks for the spectacular pre-dawn parade. After this excitement, a calm day spent scuba-diving in the crystal clear turquoise waters is perfect. We can leave from Lyford or Green Turtle Cay for dolphin dives, safe, guided, shark dives and coral reef tours. And there's history underwater -- not just spectacular ship wrecks but even a few unusual train wrecks! At night the Junkanoo continues -- it's time to dance, sip daiquiris, and eat conch fritters.

France:	Paris – Eiffel tower, Ritz, restaurants Chateau in countryside
Bahamas:	Lyford Cay, Green Turtle Cay
Other:	Local Nassau mardi gras carnival

You Only Live Twice (1967)

Soundtrack: Title song by sung by Nancy Sinatra.

In this film Sean Connery is back as 007, this time on a mission to find the enigmatic villain Blofeld played by Donald Pleasance. The girls are played by Akiko Wakabayashi and Mie Hama.

We start in Hong Kong at night, a cityscape filled with lights, neon signs, and small streets. James would have gone for a ride in one of those typical human drawn carts, or just strolled around. During the day, a tour of the busy harbor is a must. We'll be back in Hong Kong on another mission but now we must leave for Japan.

In Tokyo we'll visit a traditional sake bar and see how top Japanese chefs prepare Sushi. In the 007 style, we can't leave Tokyo without having the local specially cured raw beef delicacy. It's only \$600 US a pound! Later on, its time for Sumo wrestling at Tokyo's famed Ryogoku Kokugikan Stadium. Any stereotypical notions about the Japanese being physically slight will be dispelled after watching these athletes push each other around! An evening walk through the Tokyo cityscape will make us wonder why New York is considered the most modern city in the world!

Outside Tokyo we'll visit a few of Japan's monumental structures and geographic wonders. These will include immense volcanic mountains, the incredible volcanic island Sado, Om Island, the Rusaki Cave, the Ryoanji temple in Kyoto with its famous rock garden, the Tachibanadera Temple in Asuka, the Meji Shrine in Kyoto and the Byodoin Temple in Uji.

Hong Kong:	Cityscapes (day & night)
	Harbor

Tokyo:	Sumo wrestling
Outside Tokyo:	Rusaki Cave
	Om Island
	Famous temple
	Waterfall
	Volcanic Island

The Man With the Golden Arm (1974)

In this film, we have a new James played by Roger Moore. His Bond girls are Britt Ekland and Maud Adams. The evil Scaramanga -- the man with the golden gun -- is played by Christopher Lee.

Soundtrack could be the title song sung by Lulu (written by John Barry).

This segment of our tour takes us through many parts of Asia. Starting in Bangkok, a city which we will explore in a typical long tail boat that will take us through the Chao Phraya River and klongs (canals) The smell and sight of exotic orchids is everywhere and there are beautiful floating hyacinths. We'll see the locals crowding the river banks selling all kinds of crafts -- especially miniature elephants. A traditional fan is a smart purchase -- anything to beat the tropical heat! After having a cool drink and some spicy Thai curry at the waterfront restaurant at the super luxurious Oriental Hotel, a nap is in order in the hotel's Royal Suite. After resting it's time for an exciting Asian Kickboxing match in the heart of the city. We'll travel outside Bangkok to the Andaman Sea where the Crabi Islands. One of the world's great natural wonders, these pre-historic, volcanic islands are unlike anything. From here, we're off to Macao -- a strange combination of Chinese and Portuguese culture. Mediterranean architecture and catholic churches in

the middle of Asia? That's Macau. And James would not have missed the famed Macau Casino.

Next on the Agenda is Hong Kong and another sumptuous hotel: The Peninsula built in 1928. The main attraction here are the Jacuzzis with a view -- where else can you soothe your stress in a hot tub that overlooks the Hong Kong Harbor? In the afternoon, the hotel offers a traditional English high tea in the tea salon. And in the evening, James would have gone, in one of the hotel's chauffeur driven Rolls Royces to the Bottom's Up club to admire the local beauties.

Thailand:	Crabi Islands Andaman Sea
Lebanon:	Beirut
Macau:	Casino
Hong Kong:	Peninsula Hotel Bottoms Up Club
Bangkok:	River & Klongs
Other:	Asian Kickboxing event

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Octopussy (1983)

Roger Moore is back with Maud Adams as the female villain and the new Bond girl Kristina Wayborn. Louis Jourdan plays Kamal, Octopussy's assistant.

Soundtrack could be Rita Coolidge's "All Time High" and John Barry's fantastic variation of 007 theme created for this film.

This trip takes us practically around the world. We start at a military base in

Cuba doing serious work at a Cuban military base. Who's that man with the beard and the fat cigar?! Fortunately, the base is on the coast so let's take a quick tour of the beautiful beaches starting with the Varadero near Havana. Cuba is famous for the uncanny quality of the natural light near the ocean and these dawn and sunset shots show why! And let's not forget the gorgeous Cuban women -- after all this is the Bond tour. But now it's back to work to less tropical places. Next stop is east Berlin where we'll visit the famous Karl Marx Platz (square), take a ride on an old steam train, and to lighten things up we'll visit the incredible East Berlin Circus.

Just as we're relaxing, London's calling again. We zip back to home base and go straight to the office -- Whitehall, the impressive English Secret Service Headquarters. Next stop in London is an auction at Sotheby's on Bond Street where the tension rises as the richest people from all over the world bid for the most valuable and exquisite artworks and jewels. Shall we bid for an original jewel encrusted Faberge egg? James did!

Next we're off to India where our first stop will, of course, be the Taj Mahal. In Delhi we'll visit the gorgeous Monsoon Palace Hotel where James stayed and played poker in the evening -- black tie required. Next on our itinerary is the banks of the Ganges and a tour of the local temples which include examples from 5 religions -- Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, and Buhai! And no experience of India is complete without going hunting on elephants. Beware of those tigers!

Perhaps our most important stop is Octopussy's residence (now an incomparable hotel) : The Samode Palace 25 miles from Jaipur. This jewelled palace in the unspoiled countryside is a preserve of the legacy of the Maharajas. After seeing the magnificent hall of mirrors, the frescoed walls, and the views, you won't want to leave. Maybe we should just stop here!

Cuba

East Berlin:	Karl Marx Stat, steam trains
London:	Whitehall, Sotheby's Bond Street
Moscow:	Kremlin
Delhi:	Taj Mahal, Ganges, Monsoon Palace Hotel
	Famous Raj's palace on hill top and Famous
	palace on an island (Octopussy's hq), outdoor
	market with street performers, Jungle hunt on
	the backs of elephants